(iii) adverse working conditions, (iv) denial of appropriate medical facilities, (v) poor living conditions, etc.

Women marrying NRIs

1914. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enact a law to protect women marrying Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) No Sir, there is no proposal under consideration to enact a separate legislation to protect the women marrying NRIs. However, a proposal to enact a suitable legislation relating to compulsory registration of marriages is under consideration of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department).

Corruption in Panchayats

1915. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Sarpanchs and the Gram Sewaks/ Panchayat Secretary are indulging in wholesale corruption in implementation of various schemes of Government such as road construction, NREGA, and many other development works;

(b) in what manner Government propose to motivate the Sarpanchs who work truly for the development of the area; and

(c) in what manner Government would motivate the State Governments to hold Panchayat elections in States like Jharkhand where Panchayat elections have not been held for the last couple of decades?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) In view of the provisions of Article 243G of the Constitution, the processes of endowing the Panchayats and their Presidents with powers and authority has been entrusted to State Legislatures and the State executive. This would include monitoring and correcting the work of the Village Panchayat President and officers working with the Village Panchayat. As far as NREGA and other schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are concerned, District Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been established under the chairpersonship of Members of Parliament.